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D-M Airmen return home

By Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski
455th Expeditionary Operations Group

When the last of the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron's A-10 Thunderbolt IIs left Afghanistan for their home station of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, it marked the last page of a deployment story that began in late October. Now, after more than five months of outstanding service, every D-M fighter pilot and maintainer, along with those who provided support in other areas, from air and space expeditionary force Silver are home to the warmth of family, friends and the Arizona desert.

When the final A-10s touched down in the United States, they culminated more than 1,800 sorties and 5,400 hours flown by 354th EFS fighter pilots during their overseas assignment, where they flew missions in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Opera-

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Maj. Clarence Johnson, 354th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, triumphantly greets his, and wife Michelle's joyous daughter Mikla upon his return from his deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Major Johnson was deployed supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, he returned to D-M Monday.



Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Doolittle Raiders visit D-M

Capt. Scott Cerone, 357th Fighter Squadron, talks with Jack Sims, Doolittle Raider, about his famous exploits during a dinner at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base April 15 in honor of Mr. Sims and his fellow Doolittle Raiders.

MSS proves to be the best

By 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker
355th Wing Public Affairs

The slogan for the 355th Mission Support squadron, "Who's the best ... team MSS," was proven true last week, as the 355th Military Personnel Flight was announced as the best MPF of the Air Force of for 2003.

"People first ... it all starts with people!" said Capt. Sean Harrington, 355th MSS acting commander. "My belief is that if we properly take care of our people, then the mission will take care of itself."

In the past year the 355th MPF has flawlessly deployed more than 2,580 personnel in support of four

contingencies, three Aerospace Expeditionary Forces and to more than 40 locations across the world.

For those remaining at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the MPF handled more than 27,000 customer service walk-ins, processed 2,500 decorations, 4,400 evaluations, 882 passports, 524 visas, 1,600 reenlistments/extensions and processed 1,800 out-bound assignments last year.

"As I told the wonderful group of 43 professionals who work in the MPF, in order to rise to this level of performance, it takes a huge amount of sacrifice, a lot of blood, sweat, tears, pride and enthusiasm,

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Traffic

Concern: Recently there seems to be more accidents around the city as well as more congestion through the Craycroft Road Gate every day. I have seen several times people being so impatient that they wait in the middle of the intersection of Golf Links and Craycroft roads on the red light to make the left hand turn into base. The cars coming the other way miss their chance to get through on their green light. Can the light cycles be extended to give us more time to make the left hand turn?

Response: You are correct — the traffic congestion on base has increased due to construction across the installation. I expect every member of the Desert Lightning Team to be responsible drivers both on- and off-base. This responsibility is a seven-day-a-week, 24-hour affair. We've asked the Tucson Police Department to help us during the morning rush as we have no authority to control off-base traffic. As for the signal timing, we will ask the city to adjust the timing of the lights during peak traffic periods. With the partial opening of Fifth Street last week, we anticipate the congestion at the Craycroft Road Gate will decrease as our team uses the Swan Road Gate again for base access. As we saw several weeks ago with a major accident at Golf Links and Craycroft roads, we all need to take extra caution when

making left hand turns in and around Tucson. Sitting in the middle of the intersection on a red light is extremely dangerous, begs for problems and isn't what responsible drivers do. Please take the time to wait your turn through the light. If the oncoming left turn lanes block your vision, please wait that extra minute that could save your life. Finally, give yourself extra time when leaving for work to account for antiterrorism measures at the gate and installation stewardship initiatives across the base. Thank you for your patience and your concerns for the safety for every member of the Desert Lightning Team.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: 355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief master sergeant, lights a candle for those killed during the Holocaust. Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing commander and Chaplain (1st Lt.) Duane McCrory, 355th Wing, watch the flame of the candle that represents one million people.

Quotable Quotes

Top leadership is focused on a healthy exchange of information from ground safety, flying safety and everything in between.

**Col. Larry Stutzriem,
355th Wing commander**

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 607th Air Control Squadron conducts formal initial qualification training for air control operations crew personnel in command and control tactics, techniques and procedures.

They provide understanding of theater-level execution and increased mission effectiveness through mission crew and aircrew interface.

The squadron provides in-garrison radar control to flying units operating in local airspace and operates and maintains radar communications equipment worth \$85 million.

In addition to supporting the 355th Wing, the 607th ACS supports the 56th and 94th Fighter Wings at Luke Air Force Base and the 162nd Fighter Group from Tucson, Ariz.

A student from the 607th Air Control Squadron trains in one of six operational control modules by studying airspace scenarios provided by the instructors through the radar scopes.



1st Lt. DeJon Reed

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tion Iraqi Freedom.

Maj. Clarence Johnson, an A-10 fighter pilot and the 354th EFS director for operations, praised all members of the team effort that made the Bulldog's mission here of providing close-air support to troops on the ground a successful one.

"The pilots were great — they went above and beyond all expectations. I knew they were the best at what they do, but they performed even better than imaginable," said Major Johnson. "And it was just amazing to see these 18, 19 and 20-year-old maintainers out there on the flightline doing the job they did. Between them and their leadership, officer and senior enlisted, words can't describe how well they performed."

"We made a significant contribution to the war on terrorism. We flew 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week and flew more sorties and more hours per month than any other unit before us," he said. "Most importantly, we were always there to help out the guys on the ground when they needed us."

With the departure of the 354th EFS, the 355th EFS, out of Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, has moved its A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft into the revetments vacated by the

D-M "Hogs." Major Johnson said that the 355th EFS will pick up right where the 354th EFS left off.

From a personal standpoint, Major Johnson said he was most gratified by two things while deployed here — one from an operational aspect, and the other a little closer to the heartstrings.

First, he said it was very heartening to talk to the joint tactical air controllers, those Airmen on the ground who call in close air support when U.S. and Coalition troops need it. He said it felt good when they told him that they all felt safer when the Bulldog fighter pilots were in the air to support them.

The other moment that touched him the most, he said, was an "Adopt-a-Village" trip that he made to a local Afghan village, where he and other members of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group — which the 354th EFS fell under — passed out clothes and other gifts to the people living there.

"It was quite an experience speaking with the village elders," Major Johnson said. "And then, we were able to pass out goods to children from U.S. families who care enough to send packages here for that very reason."

So now, after five and a half months of hard flying, the major is on his way home.

"It will be good to be back on American soil, to see, once again, what we're fighting for," he said.

Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆An airman first class from 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic for **wrongful use of marijuana**. This was a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆An airman from 25th Operational Weather Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and 45 days extra duty for **being drunk on duty and failure to go**. These were a violation of Articles 112 and 86 of the UCMJ.

◆An airman from 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic for **failure to obey a lawful order and making a false official statement**. These were both violations of Articles 91 and 107 of the UCMJ.

◆An airman first class from 355th Communications Squadron received a reduction to airman for **failure to go to his mandatory dental appointment**. This was a violation of Ar-

ticle 86 of the UCMJ.

◆An airman basic from 755th AMXS received 45 days extra duty for **dereliction of duty** (government travel card abuse). This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆An airman first class from 355 AMXS received a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and seven days extra duty for **failure to obey a lawful order or regulation**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

(Editor's note: Information is courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which includes: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)



Suicide Prevention Resources

The following are various resources available to members of the D-M community. It is important for all members to know where to turn in case of an emergency.

Life Skills Support Center.....228-4926
(After duty hours).....228-7400

Command Post.....228-7400
Duty Chaplain.....228-5411
(After duty hours).....228-3517
Family Advocacy.....228-2104
355th Security Forces.....911
Southern Arizona Crisis Line.....622-6000

News Notes

Dining out for Safety

Participating restaurants will donate up to 20 percent of their Wednesday evening proceeds to the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault. For more information, visit www.dineoutforsafety.org.

Procurement Fair

The 355th Contracting Squadron, Pima County Procurement and the Arizona Small Business Association are hosting a procurement and trade fair at the Pima Air and Space Museum today from 8 a.m. to noon. The CONS will have minimum manning during the event. For more information, call Joanne Squire at 228-3131.

Beautification, Clean-Up Week

Family Housing will be holding Beautification and Clean-Up Week from Monday to April 30. There will be prizes for the top three most improved houses and yards. Judging will be held the week of May 3.

Terrorism history

Four Americans were killed and nine others including five Americans were injured April 2, 1986 when a bomb exploded aboard Trans World Airlines' flight 840 as it traveled from Rome to Athens. The aircraft safely landed at the Athens airport.

National Police Week

In honor of National Police Week, D-M is celebrating with the community at Heritage Park May 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be helicopters, a variety of law enforcement vehicles, K-9 demonstrations, police hardware, food and lots of fun. Craycroft Gate will be open to community members. To avoid congestion base members should access the base through Wilmont Gate. Craycroft Street south of Quijota Street will be closed to community members, military ID holders can gain access to Craycroft. Barriers will be in place at Fifth and Arizola Street to stop south bound traffic. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Legge at 228-2139.

57 Days until the ESOHCAMP assessment

Has your shop ever completed a baseline occupational health survey? If so, all members of the shop should know where to find the survey. Have annual or biannual surveys been accomplished based on the category of the shop as determined by the base bioenvironmental office?

Suicide is not a casualty of one

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

When he got home from work that day two years ago, Staff Sgt. Omar Taguinod, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, noticed that his roommate, Russell, seemed a little out of sorts.

"He had a look on his face that didn't sit right in my stomach. I wanted to talk to him about it but by the time I got back from checking the mail, it was too late," said Sergeant Taguinod.

Sergeant Taguinod was outside when he heard the shot.

"My other roommate and I called 9-1-1 to tell them that our friend had shot himself. They ran us through how to perform [cardiopulmonary resuscitation]," he said.

According to Sergeant Taguinod, the two performed CPR, which was difficult due to the amount of blood, until the paramedics arrived. Russell did not survive.

Even now, the question of 'why' weighs on Sergeant Taguinod's mind.

"It was confusing because he really didn't show any signs of his intentions before hand. In fact, he seemed to have clear plans for the future. Not long before that he had paid for his next two months worth of rent," said Ser-

geant Taguinod.

According to Capt. Deborah Lozinski, 355th Medical Operations Squadron Life Skills Support Center element chief, trying to answer the question of 'why' is a difficult path many friends and loved ones find hard to overcome.

"Suicide is not a casualty of one," Captain Lozinski said. "After someone dies, people often battle with the thought that if they had only been given the chance, they would have helped their loved one through their dark times. And there is [rarely] a good enough reason to justify a suicide to a loved one."

At facilities like the D-M Life Skills Support Center, professionals are trained to talk to loved ones to help them get out all of their feelings of anger, sadness and frustration instead of stuffing everything inside and trying to work through all of the questions on their own.

"Loved ones often can't understand they may never get a good answer to the 'why' question," said Captain Lozinski.

However, according to Captain Lozinski, with help and a support group, loved ones may learn to accept the fact that they will never know why.

In the time after Russell's death, Sergeant Taguinod says that everyone at Davis-Monthan was very helpful.

"My commander came to the scene and made

sure I knew I could talk to one of the chaplains if I wanted. I did and they helped a lot," he said. "My friends were also really there for me. I ended up staying at other people's houses for awhile. In fact, I didn't go back to the house where he died to stay the night for almost six months. Even now it is hard at night. The bullet hole is still in the ceiling."

According to Sergeant Taguinod, one of the things that helped him was that when he went back to work, people were supportive and no one asked him the question he did not have an answer to; Why?

And Sergeant Taguinod has a piece of advice he hopes helps anyone who might be contemplating suicide.

"Whatever life throws at you, take it as a challenge. No matter what it is, good or bad, think of it as an experience and live through it. I see what the people who have passed are missing, all of the experiences they no longer get to have, and it shows just how short life is. Don't cut it shorter. There are people who can help you; people who want to help."

Suicide is not a casualty of one.

For more information on the services available at D-M, see **Suicide Prevention Resources**, Page 3.

(Editor's note: In recognition of National Mental Health Month and Suicide Prevention Week May 3 through 7, this is part one of a series of articles on suicide prevention resources available at Davis-Monthan.)

Driving safely saves lives, money, affects all

By Senior Airman Brandy
Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

According to the 2002 Arizona Crash Facts booklet, an average of 117 people died each day in a motor vehicle accident across the United States. That is one every 12.3 minutes. In light of these statistics some still people continue to drive recklessly.

Accidents happen at all speeds and all places, including Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the surrounding local area.

"Almost daily an accident occurs on base," said Master Sgt. Bryan Vibert, 355th Security Forces Squadron security force administrative superintendent. "Most common are minor accidents, usually by people not looking when backing up or not paying attention to the road and rear-ending a stopped vehicle."

D-M Airmen are also getting into accidents off base.

In 2003, drivers from D-M accounted for 207 vehicle accidents

in the local community.

Paying attention is vital to your safety. According to the Arizona Department of Transportation, five of the top 10 most dangerous intersections in Tucson, Ariz., are within minutes of D-M. Those intersections include 22nd Street and Kolb Road, Broadway Blvd. and Wilmot Road, Broadway Blvd. and Kolb Road, 22nd Street and Craycroft Road and Speedway Blvd. and Wilmot Road.

When in an accident, don't move the vehicle, Sergeant Vibert said, even if it is blocking traffic. Call the police and ensure there is an exchange of insurance information.

Taking preventive measures into one's own hands may prevent accidents.

"Always be a defensive driver, pay attention to your surroundings and obey the rules of the road," Sergeant Vibert said.

One rule of the road that is often overlooked is speeding. Though the citations given on base in the past three months are lower

than the previous three months from 737 to 532, it is still too common an occurrence.

"Everyone is in such an extreme hurry on D-M, they wait 'till the last minute to get to work, they rush to get home, they have 20 minutes to rush to Burger King," Sergeant Vibert said. "Slow down and focus on your surroundings."

Leaving 10 minutes early also may prevent speeding to get to work on time and may help reduce the number of citations.

Receiving a ticket while on base may have serious repercussions, in some cases even lost base driving privileges.

According to Sergeant Vibert, a copy of the ticket is sent to the individual's first sergeant. The offender is then assessed points against base driving privileges. If the offender accumulates 12 points in a 12 month period or 18 points in a 24 month period their base driving privileges will be suspended for a minimum of six months. If individuals are caught exceeding the speed limit by 11



Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark

Airman Skyler Wiley, 355th Security Forces Squadron, helps ensure base members are safe on the roads.

miles or more in high pedestrian areas and all of base housing, their driving privileges will be suspended for one week.

Sergeant Vibert says that those who still choose to speed, "eventually get caught. If you are off base, break out your checkbook. If it's on base, prepare to answer for your actions to your commander and or your first sergeant."

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teamwork, belief, a 'will do' attitude and an enormous amount of hard work," said Lt. Col. Robert



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Staff Sgt. Jana Klopfenstein, 355th Mission Support Squadron, is a member of the personnel readiness team. The 355th MSS Military Personnel Flight was awarded best MFP in Air Force for 2003.

LaBrutta, 355th MSS commander, currently deployed as the 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron commander.

Numbers alone can't represent the enormous amount of hard work that Colonel LaBrutta describes. The innovative programs, including developing the first-ever Personnel Outreach Program at D-M, which assists commander's support staff base wide and initiating D-Ms first-ever Personnel Deployment Function Jr. event for dependents to experience the deployment line, are just a two of the large-scale programs the MPF has focused on to provide for the entire base.

"We have two outstanding leaders in Captain Harrington and Chief Master Sgt. Wil Applewhite, 355th MSS superintendent, who head the effort.

However, without the incredibly strong senior NCOs who mentor, teach and lead the flight, without the fantastic NCO corps who are the technical experts and first line supervisors who set the tone and work so hard to get things right, without the amazingly talented first and second term Airmen who not only are learning their craft, but have to accomplish all the extra details and without the wonderful cast of Department of Defense and contract civilians who are just as committed and just as important and bring the corporate knowledge to the fight every day ... as you can see, it takes the entire cast to garner such a significant accomplishment," said Colonel LaBrutta.

Members of the 355th MPF have proven their excellence as shown by many awards, including sweeping the 355th MSS yearly awards, a multitude of quarterly award winners, one senior airman promotion below the zone, the 2003 355th Wing Airman of the year, the Air Force Sergeants Association,



Senior Airman Sharonda Williams, 355th Mission Support Squadron, works for Military Personnel Flight promotions.

First Term Airman of the Year and the 2003 Tucson Elk's Lodge Military Person of the year.

Colonel LaBrutta summed up the award saying, "Since my arrival on scene, I've asked 'Who's the best?' and through their hard work and dedication, they've proven that the D-M MPF is the best in the United States Air Force!"

Contest encourages housing clean-up

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark
355th Wing Public Affairs

Prizes will be awarded to three families living in base housing and the base trailer park areas for improving the condition of their homes and yards.

April 26 to 30 Davis-Monthan housing residents will be participating in Family Housing Beautification and Clean-Up Week which will wrap up with a contest awarding three families who have most improved their home and yard areas.

Prizes being awarded include ice-makers (to members in government owned quarters) and a Services Squadron Discount Book, said Ruby Modica, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron housing manager.

Judging for the most improved house and yard will be conducted by the 355th CES commander and the housing manager, and will be conducted the week of May 3. The contest winners will be presented with their prizes and certificates the week of May 10.

The judges will be looking at residents' yards to include desert or grass landscaping, how well the landscaping is manicured, extra effort shown by planting flowers, shrubs, trees the use of yard decorations and various other

items, said Ms. Modica.

Assistance will be available to spouses of deployed Airmen. To make arrangements to receive help, they should contact the first sergeant of the spouse's squadron, she said.

In addition, she said, "The City of Tucson will collect tree limbs and other household items May 3. All items must be at the curb or alleyway (wherever refuse containers are normally placed) for pick-up no later than 6:30 a.m. Please refer to the flyer which was delivered to your residence April 12 for more details of items to be collected. This service is provided once a year, so take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of unwanted items and trim trees and shrubs.

"It is important to take pride in your home to make it an enjoyable and safe place to live. Showing pride will also set an example for your neighbors and may motivate them to take pride in their home," said Ms. Modica.

"I think it is wonderful that the wing commander takes an interest in base housing. It lets the people know that he is not only interested in their performance on the job, but he is also interested in the condition of the community in which they live. And with this positive interest residents are showing more active stewardship in their areas of responsibility,"

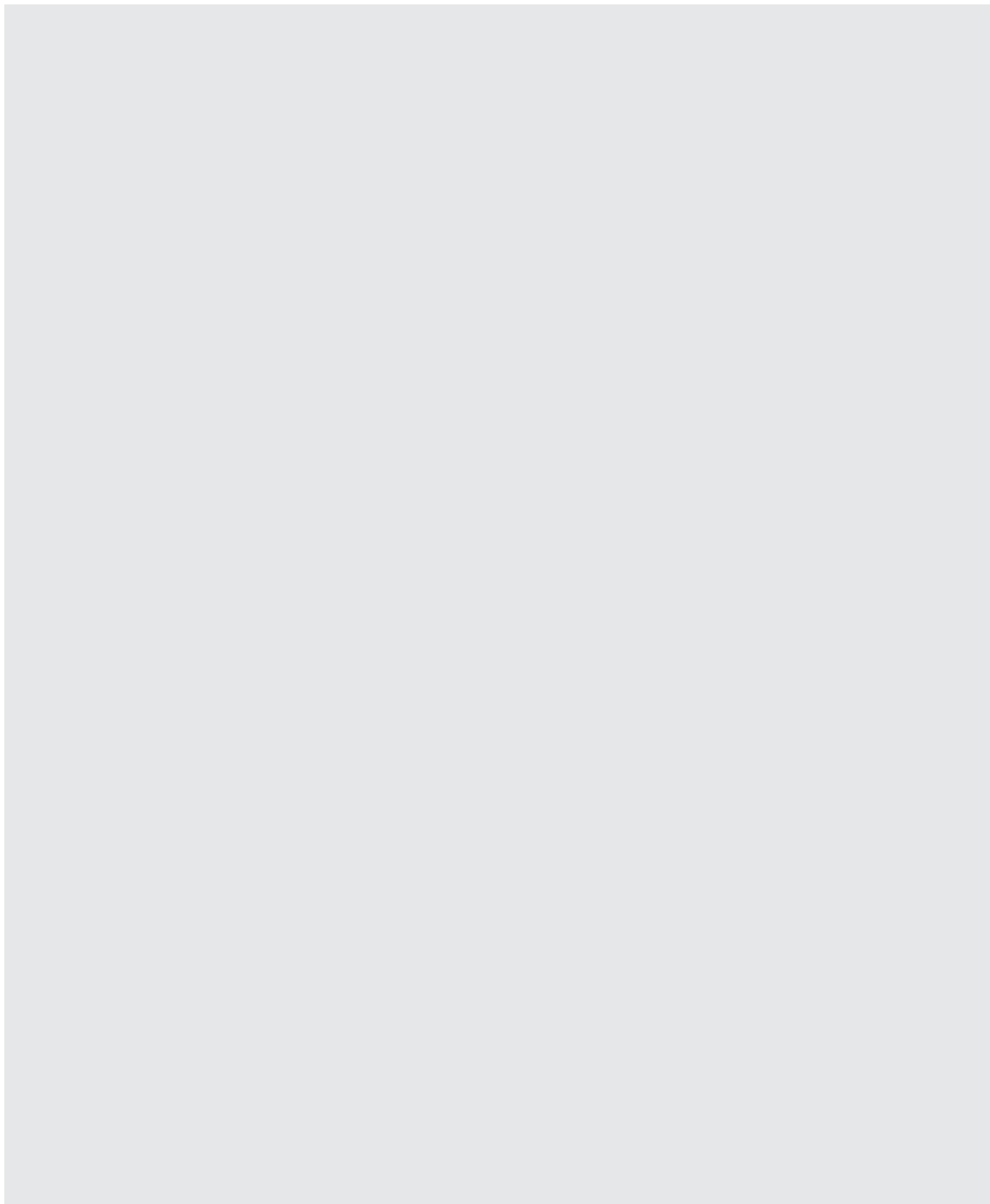


Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Senior Airman Don Weber, 355th Communications Squadron information manager, trims branches from a tree in his front yard in base housing.

said Ms. Modica.

For more information on Family Housing Beautification and Clean-up Week, contact Ms. Modica at 228-4264 or Kari Quinn at 228-5704.



Fuels team keeps Afghanistan's mission up in the air

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

455th Expeditionary Operations Group

AFGHANISTAN – Back home, when a thirsty Air Force aircraft needs to be gassed up, fuels management flights have a 30-minutes-or-less response time to provide the fuel.

In Afghanistan, the fuels flight has put its own stamp on the POL — petroleum, oils and lubricants — for tradition of timely fuels service. When fuels operators respond to the refueling needs of the A-10 Thunderbolt II here, their response time is more like 30-seconds-or-less.

Master Sgt. Eddie Camou, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group fuels superintendent, said that his flight coordinates closely with the A-10 side of the house, so that when aircraft land, one or more 6,000-gallon R-11 refuel units are positioned on the flightline, ready to deliver their jet fuel.

Operating on two shifts, around-the-clock, the seven-man fuels team here also services Army UH-60 helicopters, Navy AE-6 Prowlers and any of the large-frame cargo aircraft that don't fuel up at the Army-run forward area refueling point.

Sergeant Camou said that timely, uninterrupted fuels support is all the more meaningful here because of the magnitude of the mission he finds his flight right in the middle of.

"You see these A-10s take off loaded down (with weapons), and some come back empty," he said. "We know we're supporting the aircraft who are supporting our people who are on the ground getting fired upon."

These Airmen work hard to make sure the "Warthogs" are ready to employ their firepower whenever needed.

Besides issuing an average of 25,000 gallons of JP-8 daily, POL also oversees the storage and issue of liquid oxygen, which is used for aviators breathing oxygen. There are four, 400-gallon LOX tanks, with an interesting catch.



"There's no local supply source (for liquid oxygen)," said Tech. Sgt. Robbie Bebee, 455th EOG the resident LOX expert. "We have to fly our LOX tanks in and out of the country to get them filled."

Because of the re-supply chain and the fact that LOX is issued at the rate of about 1,600 gallons per month, Sergeant Bebee said he has to keep a sharp eye on LOX levels to ensure that this critical product is always available.

Two other areas that require unique skills beyond the fuels distribution arena are the fuels accounting and quality control elements. Like Sergeant Bebee in LOX, the positions require a person to hold a special experience identifier designation.

Fuel accountants document all fuels and LOX transactions and ensures that all fuels lab samples are completed on the dates that testing is required.

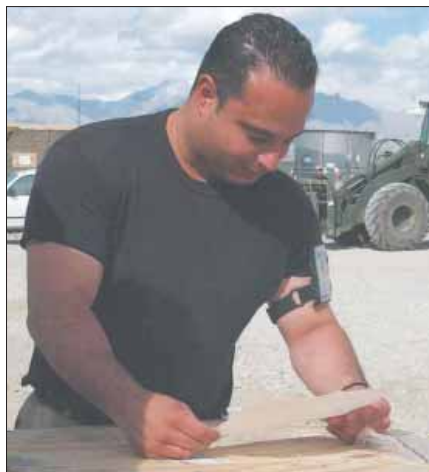
The resident lab technician is Staff Sgt. Shannon Walline. The four R-11s assigned to the fuels flight require quality control analysis every seven days, to ensure that only clean, dry fuel is issued to the aircraft. Fuel is tested for



(Top left) Staff Sgt. Shannon Walline uncoils a fuel hose from his R-11 refueling unit as he sets up for an A-10 Thunderbolt II refueling operation. Sergeant Walline is deployed from D-M's 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron. (Top right) Tech. Sgt. Robbie Bebee, from the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group fuels flight, draws a liquid oxygen sample from a LOX cart that he just filled. The liquid in the beaker is a cool minus 297 degrees. Sergeant Bebee is also deployed from the 355th LRS.

water and particle content. Sergeant Walline also tests for an anti-static additive, which is mixed in with the fuel to minimize the chance of a static spark igniting a catastrophic fire.

Sergeant Bebee said it's easy to be motivated, "For the Air Force, we're on the front lines." And he likes that. It's a feeling that seems to bond most everyone deployed here.



Photos by Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

Hard working Airmen

AFGHANISTAN - (Left) Staff Sgt. Alfonso Marte, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group NCO in charge cargo traffic management office, inspects cargo paperwork outside of TMO. Sergeant Marte is deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. (Right) Airman 1st Class David Hink, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group A-10 weapons loader, gets an aircraft ready for flare pod loading and a night time sortie over Afghanistan. Airman Hink is also deployed from D-M.



Noise creates health problem

By Senior Airman Susan Stout
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — Noise-induced hearing loss is one of the most common occupational illnesses in the Air Force.

One of the goals of Air Force public health professionals is to inform people about the importance of hearing protection.

"Noise exposure may result in permanent damage to the auditory system and there is no medical or surgical treatment for this type of hearing loss," said Staff Sgt. Shahira Bennett, 56th Medical Group Public Health technician. "Though the use of a hearing aid may provide some benefit, normal hearing will not be restored and other effects such as vertigo (dizziness) and tinnitus (noise in the ears such as ringing or buzzing) may occur."

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, exposure to sound levels of 85 decibels and above — the level emitted by the average food processor — for eight hours a day, five days a week, eventually will cause permanent hearing damage.

"Studies have also shown that exposure to too much noise over a short period of time, such as a typical rock concert of 120 decibels, can be

just as damaging as chronic exposure to lower noise levels," Sergeant Bennett said.

People can protect themselves from hearing loss by recognizing hazardous noise and understanding noise exposure adverse effects.

"The best rule to follow is if you have to shout at arm's length to talk face-to-face, you are probably being exposed to hazardous levels of noise," Sergeant Bennett said.

Several products are available to provide hearing protection.

"Devices approved for use within the Air Force as hearing protectors include earplugs, earmuffs, communication earmuffs, flight helmets and combinations of these devices," said Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Lujan, 56th MDG Public Health technician.

According to Sergeant Lujan, earmuffs provide better high-frequency protection and earplugs provide better low frequency protection.

"Further information on these devices can be obtained from your supervisor or public health," she said. "Selection of the proper device depends on your job, the amount of hazardous noise in your workplace and the protective gear you must use."

Another device available is the one-size-fits-all Elvez Quattro earplugs.



U.S. Air Force photo

Noise-induced hearing loss is one of the most common Air Force occupational illnesses.

"This type is new to the Air Force," Sergeant Lujan said. "It was approved for use and distribution in October."

The Elvez Quattro earplugs last from six months to one year making them cost effective for the Air Force, Sergeant Lujan said.

Currently, the Air Force has more than 2,900 people on the hearing conservation program. The program, managed by the public health office, tracks all employees who are exposed to occupational hazardous noise.

Although people are responsible for protecting their own hearing, supervisors have a roll to play, Sergeant Lujan said.

"Supervisors should ensure members always wear appropriate personal protective equipment when needed," she said. "Supervisors are also responsible for correcting individuals who are non-compliant with wearing hearing protection and document corrective measures."

Grab the reins, harness an IT future

Information is not enough for the Air Force

By Chief Master Sgt. Bruce C. Collett
48th Communications Squadron

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England — Imagine the battlefield of the future. Every missile and bullet in flight and every weapon on the ground will have a networked Internet address that corresponds to a location on a computerized 3-D map in the operations center.

On the other side of the globe, commanders will have the ability to instantly assess

battle damage and redirect fire power to any hostile grid coordinate. Medical technicians will know the exact location of each injured person and be able to view real-time vital statistics through sensors attached to each soldier's body.

This thumbnail sketch of our future battlefield was described by Maj. Gen. Dale Meyerrose, director of architectures and integration for U.S. Northern Command, last fall at the Air Force Information Technology Conference.

As I listened to him describe information technology's role on the future battlefield, I couldn't help but think of the advances we've made in IT in a relatively short period of time, and that the battlefield of the future, which now seems light-years away, is probably closer than we think.

Twenty three years ago when I entered the service, customers prepared messages on an ancient instrument called a typewriter and delivered them to the base communication center.

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Final Answer

What is your biggest pet-peeve when driving?



**Senior Airman
Jason Rife**
755th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"People cutting you off, then driving 10 miles an hour slower than you do."



**Staff Sgt.
Samuel Miles**
355th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron

"My biggest pet-peeve when driving is inconsiderate drivers not using their signals."



**Senior Airman
Mir Ali**
563rd Rescue Group

"When I am driving my biggest pet-peeves are drivers who believe the rules and regulations of driving etiquette don't apply to them. Such drivers tend to create accidents and chaos."



**Tech. Sgt.
George Vasquez**
755th Operation
Support Squadron

"Having other drivers honk their horn at me because they think I am going slow when I'm actually driving at the posted speed limit."



Nancy Weightman
355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

"My pet-peeve is other drivers on their cell phones talking or making phone calls. Things can't be that urgent for it not to wait until you get back to the office or home."



**Senior Airman
Steven Miller**
755th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"My biggest pet-peeve when driving is people not using their turn signals."

Future

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These messages were re-typed by communication specialists on a teletypewriter that produced a paper-tape. The paper-tape was interpreted by another machine that transmitted the message through a chain of communications centers connected by a digital network.

It wasn't uncommon for a "routine" message to take 24 to 48 hours to transverse the globe. Keep in mind, this was just to get it to the receiving communications center.

From there, it was printed, reviewed, routed, distributed — on and on. Factor in another day for courier runs and delivery, and you can see how a "routine" correspondence could take a week to get from writer to reader.

Now, roll the calendar forward to the present day.

Computers on every desk, the World Wide Web, advanced aircraft simulation, advanced guidance systems, and real-time threat warnings to an aircraft's cockpit. Even our

identification cards have a computer chip. And, although Airmen today probably take it for granted, a testament to how engrained IT is in the Air Force is evident in every enlisted Promotion Fitness Exam study guide that now contains a soft-copy on CD.

With the Air Force keeping, and sometimes exceeding the pace of commercial industry, we've achieved global e-mail address lists and shared network resources. Thanks to significant investments in network infrastructure, we can now send and receive Defense Messaging System messages from writer to reader in seconds instead of days. Amazingly, this transition occurred right before the eyes of everyone who's been in the Air Force since 1985.

A prime example of the Air Force's IT compass heading is the Air Force portal at www.my.af.mil. Although only in its infancy stage, in years to come, it will provide the necessary link for many of us to perform our jobs, at home or deployed.

By logging in once to the Air Force Portal, members will have instant access to all Web sites and databases required to do their jobs.



The Air Force Portal is one example of how Information Technology will advance in the future.

With one logon, you'll have everything you need. This is just one example of many initiatives now being implemented Air Force wide.

Imagine no longer receiving your sponsor package in the mail. Instead, through use of interactive media over the internet, you will be able to access a Web site that has the same look and feel of a video game with an interactive guide to show you around. Simply drive your virtual car to the gate and receive a tour derived from actual photography of every place on base.

Imagine a training environment where Self Aid Buddy Care students participate in an interactive video where they can perform combat medical procedures. The possibilities are endless. And surprisingly, they may occur sooner than you think.

To prepare for the IT future, like General Meyerrose, we all need to think of our future in terms of everything having a networked Internet address.

Look around your work area and imagine every core piece of equipment or tool with a small chip or sensor and then apply that ability to the Air Force mission.

Your flight suit, your toolbox, your vehicle, all will soon have the ability to be tracked and monitored on a network. The only limitation to their use will be defined by our commitment to harness our IT future.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning Community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Name: Senior Airman Ryan Kruger
Organization: 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Duty title: Munitions support crewmember
Hometown: Randolph, Neb.
Years of service: Three and a half
Reason for joining the Air Force: The reason I joined the Air Force was to get money for college, travel, see new things and meet new people.
Main responsibilities: I setup the Tool Accountability System (TAS), keep track of all hazmat items and spare tools that the bomb dump uses.

Best aspects of job: It seems like you learn something new everyday.

Goals: I want to go to college, travel and probably get married.

Hobbies/outside activities: Hiking, camping, anything that deals with outdoors

Favorite thing about D-M: The people I work with and the people I've met since I've lived here.

Best assignment: Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is my best assignment because it is the only base I've been to so far.

Inspiration: My parents because of everything they taught me while I was growing up.

Air Combat Command names D-M Air Force Medical Service Award winners

Congratulations to the following 355th Medical Group members who were selected as ACC Air Force Service winners (Phase II) for fiscal 2003.

Fred Coleman Award Company Grade Pharmacist of the Year: Capt. Jessica Spittler;

Company Grade Nurse of the Year: Capt. Kristin Kalina; **Outstanding Field Grade Dietitian of the Year:** Maj. Nancy Klein; **Outstanding Readiness Officer of the Year:** Capt. Sarah Coors-Davidson; **Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year:** Maj. Katherine Rearden;

Colonel P. Timothy Ray Company Grade Optometrist of the Year: Capt. Robert Giles; **Outstanding Large Base Health Promotion Program from Davis-Monthan team members:** Maj. Nancy Klein, Capt. Steven Anderson, Tech. Sgt. Danny Pate, Tech. Sgt. Ricardo

Legaspi, Senior Airman Georgina Bulmer, Cesar Vinueza, Mike Bevez and Richard Grabowski; **Outstanding Biomedical Equipment Repair Airman of the Year:** Senior Airman Michael Dechant; **Outstanding Laboratory Airman of the Year:** Senior Airman Andrea Schultz

Base names quarterly winners

Congratulations to the following members of D-M who were selected as the Quarterly Award winners for January to March:

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Base level: Capt. Josh Koslov, 55th Electronic Combat Group

Wing level: Capt. Peter Vitt, 355th Operations Group

Senior NCO of the Quarter

Base level: Master Sgt. Vickie Kraemer, 12th Air Force

Wing level: Master Sgt. Craig Morse, 355th Medical Group

NCO of the Quarter

Base and Wing level: Tech. Sgt. James Green, 355th Medical Group

180th Field Artillery Battalion level: Sgt. Francisco Espinoza

Airman of the Quarter

Base level: Airman 1st Class Karl Musick, 12th Air Force

Wing level: Airman 1st Class Demorrio Paris,
355th Maintenance Group

180th Field Artillery Battalion level: Spc. John Randall

Senior Civilian Employee of the Quarter

Base and Wing level: Alicia Solorio, 355th Wing Staff

Intermediate Civilain of the Quarter:

Base level and Wing level: Michele Addison,
355th Mission Support Group

Junior Civilian Employee of the Quarter

Base level: Annette Trebesch, 355th Maintenance Group

Wing level: Jacalyn Gerard, 563rd Rescue Group

Airman of the Quarter Elite Guard:

Airman 1st Class Joseph Cruz, 355th Security Forces Squadron

Congratulations CDC 90's Club

Congratulations to the following Airmen who recently received a score of 90 or above on their career development course exams.

355th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron:

Airman 1st Class

Christopher Frazier, Airman

1st Class Eric Palmer; **355th**

Civil Engineer Squadron:

Senior Airman Corey Dutton,

Airman 1st Class Matthew

Morris, Airman 1st Class

Jorge Alcala; **355th**

Contracting Squadron:

Tech. Sgt. Todd Barlow;

355th Dental Squadron:

Staff Sgt. Kathryn Dejesus;

355th Equipment

Maintenance Squadron:

Staff Sgt. Daniel Singh,

Senior Airman Joshua

Browning, Airman 1st Class

Michael Borja; **355th**

Logistics Readiness

Squadron: Airman 1st Class

Maria Parra, Airman 1st Class
Daniel Rodriguez, Airman Joleen
Clapp; **355th Medical Support**

Squadron: Senior Airman

Wilford Vincecruz, Airman 1st

Class Heath Stark; **355th**

Maintenance Operations

Squadron: Airman 1st Class

Blakely Eckert; **355th Security**

Forces Squadron: Airman 1st

Class Waylon Mitchell; **358th**

Fighter Squadron: Master Sgt.

Robb Brown; **41st Electronic**

Combat Squadron: Senior

Airman Patrick Fowler, Senior

Airman Jason Reigart; **563rd**

Maintenance Squadron: Staff

Sgt. Olivia Alioglu; **612th Air**

Communications Squadron:

Staff Sgt. Betty Thorpe; **612th**

Communications

Squadron: Airman

1st Class Robin

Mauldin; **755th**

Aircraft

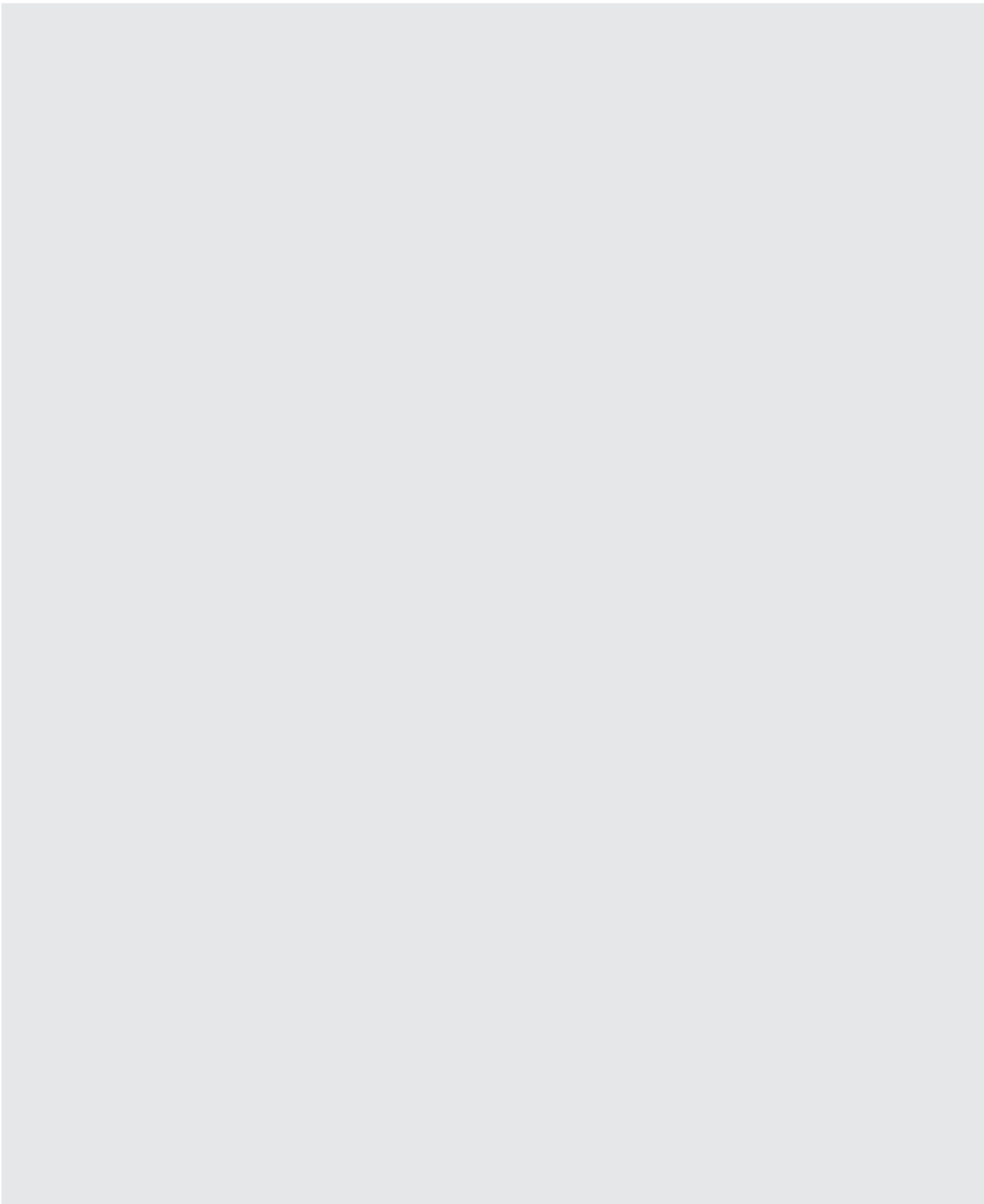
Maintenance

Squadron: Senior

Airman Ivan Gregory,

Senior Airman Antonio Pena





All in a good day's work

supporting the mission far away from home ...



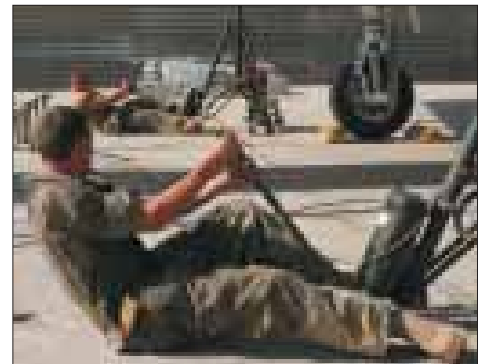
Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

Staff Sgt. Nikole Tipton, a member of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, deployed from D-M, spreads some goodwill at an Afghanistan orphanage during a recent visit by the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.



Tech. Sgt. Demetrius Lester

Senior Airman Regina Sewart takes inventory at the desert depot at a deployed location in Southwest Asia. Airman Sewart is assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron and is deployed from Davis-Monthan.



Chief Master Sgt. David Stuppy

Pumping iron takes on new meaning for Airman 1st Class Joel Hamm and Airman 1st Class Corey Johnson, as the two raise an A-10 while deployed from D-M with Air Expeditionary Force Silver to Afghanistan in support of the global war on terrorism.



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Master Sgt. Robert Harvey, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is greeted by Lt. Col. Tom Feldhausen, 355th Operation Support Squadron commander, on his return home from a deployment to Iraq.



Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

and finally coming home ...



Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

(Above) Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing commander, and Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing vice-commander, applaud D-M members stepping off the plane for the first time as they return from their deployments. (Left) A C-17 Globemaster lands on D-M's runway returning members of the Desert Lightning Team as family members wait anxiously.

Here and there

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs



Across

1. Washington D.C. base home to 11th WG
6. Alconbury or Croughton
8. Singer Cantrell
10. Neither's partner
11. Fire
13. Rule
15. *Huckleberry Finn* writer
16. Moslem prayer leaders
18. Computer laugh?
19. USAF forward operating location in Alaska
21. Mining goal
22. Shoe brand
24. Actor Diesel of XXX
25. Ledge
26. "Man of a Thousand Faces" Chaney
27. Shock
29. Emergency code
31. California AFB home to SMSC
34. *Roseanne* sitcom star Gilbert
35. Fur coat
36. Italy AB home to 831 MUNSS
38. Coast on Hawaii's 'Big Island'
39. Small island
40. Swathe
42. Treaty
46. Soak in liquid
49. Type of tides
52. French explorer Rene Robert Cavelier de La _____
53. Colorado AS home to NORAD (pt.1)
55. Alabama USAF annex to 17 Down
56. First CMSAF
57. Explosive
58. Hearing tool
59. Second part of 53 ACROSS
60. African country _____ Leone

Down

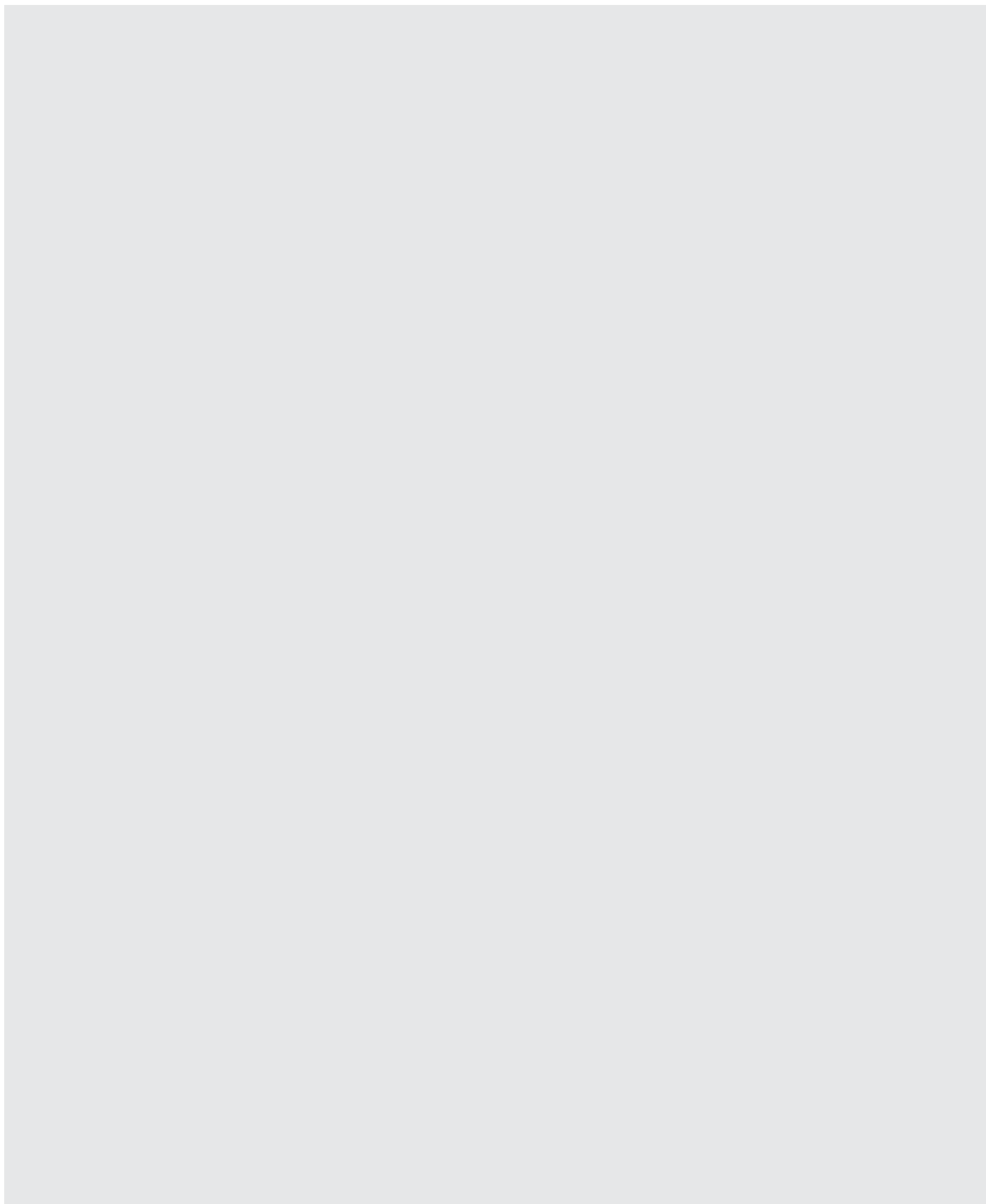
1. Hawaii AFS
2. Actress Lucy of Xena
3. Place on jet aircraft where air is drawn in
4. Immediately
5. North Dakota AFB home to 319th ARW
6. Phone
7. Not make the grade
8. Legume
9. Beginning of American Navy vessels
12. Comic book superheroes
14. Commander's place of control
17. Alabama base home to Air University
20. Florida AS
23. Singer Fitzgerald
26. Tail marking for Barksdale AFB
27. Pub drinks
28. Spanish east
30. Hawaiian island home to Hickam AFB
32. Paulo and Roque
33. Prefix for close to
34. Knight's title
37. Pesticide
41. Tied
42. Bad review
43. Change
44. Alaska AFS
45. Surface area of the moon
46. Scheme
47. State home to Wright-Patterson AFB
48. Home to Machu Picchu
49. Belgian artist Bernard (1825-80)
50. Against
51. *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* actor Sean
52. 70s singer Quatro
54. Japanese currency (The solutions are located on Page 24.)

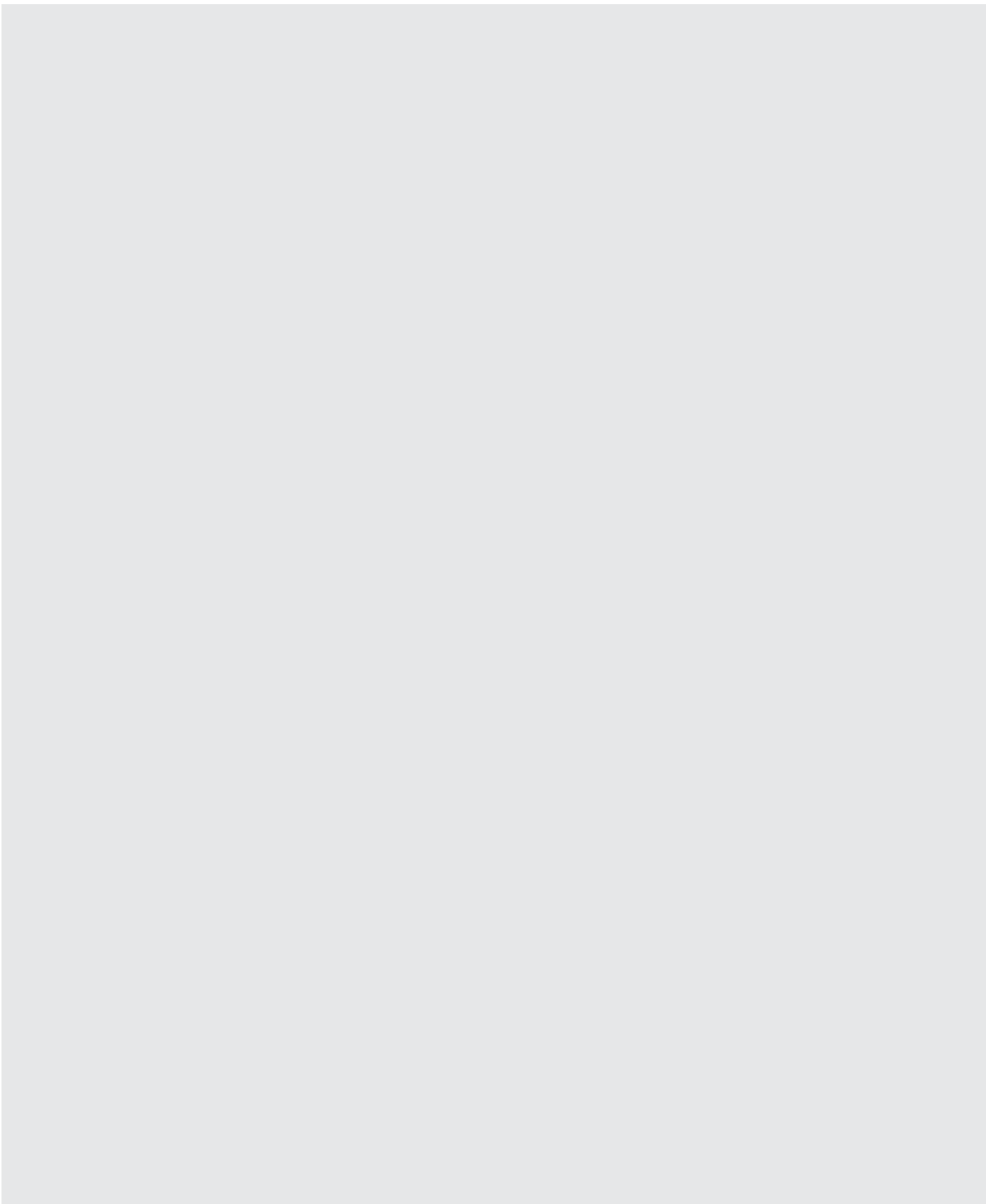


Receive a free bag of chips at Stormy's Cafe with the purchase of a sub sandwich and 16 ounce beverage. Stormy's is located in the community center.

One coupon per customer. Expense to GLAC 752 A5. Expires April 30.

Desert
Lightning
Freebies







With the emphasis on being fit to fight, many Desert Lightning Team members have stepped up to the challenge of being at the highest level of fitness according to the Air Force standards.

For more information on the Air Force Fitness program, see Air Force Instruction 110-248, or contact a unit physical training monitor. The following individuals scored 95 points and above on their recent fitness tests:

12th Air Force:

Maj. Thomas Dusek

25th Operational Weather Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Aaron Cull

Airman 1st Class Jason Noel

Tech. Sgt. Rubi Tornado

Master Sgt. Kirk Bailey

2nd Lt. James Caron

2nd Lt. Laura Grossman

355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron:

Staff Sgt. Brittany Ross

Capt. Steven Anderson

355th Contracting Squadron:

1st Lt. Gayle Barajas

355th Comptroller Squadron:

Capt. Kenneth Lozano

355th Equipment

Maintenance Squadron:

Airman Basic Trenton Jeffers

Airman Kyle King

Airman Paul Rine

Airman 1st Class Brandon Barnwell

Airman 1st Class Michael Greene

Airman 1st Class Matthew Hale

Airman 1st Class Brandon Planche

1st Lt. Sharon Ehasz

355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:

Senior Airman Scott Pustejovsky

355th Medical Operations Squadron:

Maj. Denise Greene

Maj. Brenda Velazquez

355th Maintenance Operation

Squadron:

Master Sgt. Blake Roia

355th Communications Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Sandra Villa

Tech. Sgt. Josh Perkins

Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Nelson

357th Fighter Squadron:

Airman Jeffrey Walker

1st Lt. Jennifer Schoeck

Capt. Ross Iacomini

Lt. Col. John Massee

Capt. Tamara Ward

358th Fighter Squadron:

1st Lt. Daniel Edgar

1st Lt. Dustin Ireland

612th Air Communications

Squadron:

Chief Master Sgt. Fernando Crissien

Lt. Col. Paul Francis

612th Support Squadron:

Maj John Neuser

Sports Shorts

Grand Canyon rafting

Take the trip of a lifetime down the world-famous lower gorge of the Grand Canyon May 27 through 30. This trip provides a wide variety of excitement from the first day of rapids to floating and relaxing in the smooth current on the second and third days. We've added a new paddle raft and an inflatable kayak for those wishing to get closer to the adventure. Or, relax on a 16-foot oar powered raft and let the trip leaders do the work. The cost of \$480 includes equipment, food, permits, transportation and experienced trip leaders. For more information, call 228-3736.

Fishing and Hunting Licenses

Outdoor Recreation has Arizona fishing and hunting licenses available. The following prices are state regulated: Fishing: State: \$18; Urban: \$16; Two-pole stamp is an additional \$4 and trout stamp is an extra \$10.50; Hunting: \$25.50; Deer tag: \$17.50; Combo: \$44 (includes fishing license and trout stamp). For more information, call 228-3736.

Teen Outdoor Adventure Program

This program allows teens to experience outdoor adventure in a fun and positive way. There is a meeting Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the youth center for parents and teens interested in participating in the following programs:

Lake Patagonia, May 22

Archery Camp, May 24 through 28

Bike Ride, May 28

Grand Canyon White Water Rafting,

June 17 through 21

Camp Pendleton, July 22 through 25

Fundraising and general information will be discussed. Programs and trips are subject to change. For more information, call 228-8844.

Patagonia Lake Family Camping Trip

Come join us at Patagonia Lake for family camping fun May 15 and 16. Outdoor Recreation guides will help set up camp, cook the

Fitness Center Classes

The following is a list of classes offered at both fitness centers. Class fee is listed if applicable.

Monday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - Medium

Intensity - New Fitness Center

11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner

Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner

5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner

5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - New FC

6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC

7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - New FC

Tuesday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - High - New FC

10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics -

\$2 - New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner

5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - New FC

5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner

6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner

6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month -

New FC

Wednesday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - Medium -

New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner

5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner

5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange

belts and up) - New FC

6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and

yellow belts) New FC

7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Thursday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - (High Intensity) -

New FC

10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 -

New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner

5 to 6 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - New FC

5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner

5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner

6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner

6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - New FC

Friday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - (Medium

Intensity) - New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC

11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner

Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner

5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and

yellow belt) - New FC

6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange

belts and up) New FC

7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC

11 a.m. to 11:45 - Water (Medium Intensity) -

New FC

Sunday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC

Pool hours: Mondays through Fridays 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays and Holidays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

See *Sports Shorts* pg. 20

Kicking butt

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Peele (right), deployed to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Personnel Support for Contingency Operations, from the 355th Mission Support Squadron at Davis-Monthan, nails a kick to the ribs of her opponent during the April 9 Tae Kwan Do tournament at the deployed location in Iraq. Sergeant Peele took top honors in the women's division of the Tae Kwan Do tournament. The contest was a morale program sponsored at the deployed location for all the Airmen. Participating in martial arts is an option some include in their fitness plan.



Staff Sgt. Rhodello Nuvall

Sports Shorts

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food and other necessary camping chores. All participants have to do is have fun. The cost of \$60 per family (up to five members) includes all camping equipment, food, transportation, park fees and guide. The trip departs at 8 a.m., May 15 and returns at 5 p.m., May 16. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-3736.

Health and Fitness Expo

The 2004 Health and Fitness Expo will be held May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New Sports & Fitness Center. A variety of health demonstrations, activities and product samples will be offered throughout the day.

The grand prize of a \$500 gift certificate to Sleep America will be given away to a lucky winner at noon. In addition, more than \$10,000 in prizes will be given away (winners need not be present to win). There will be

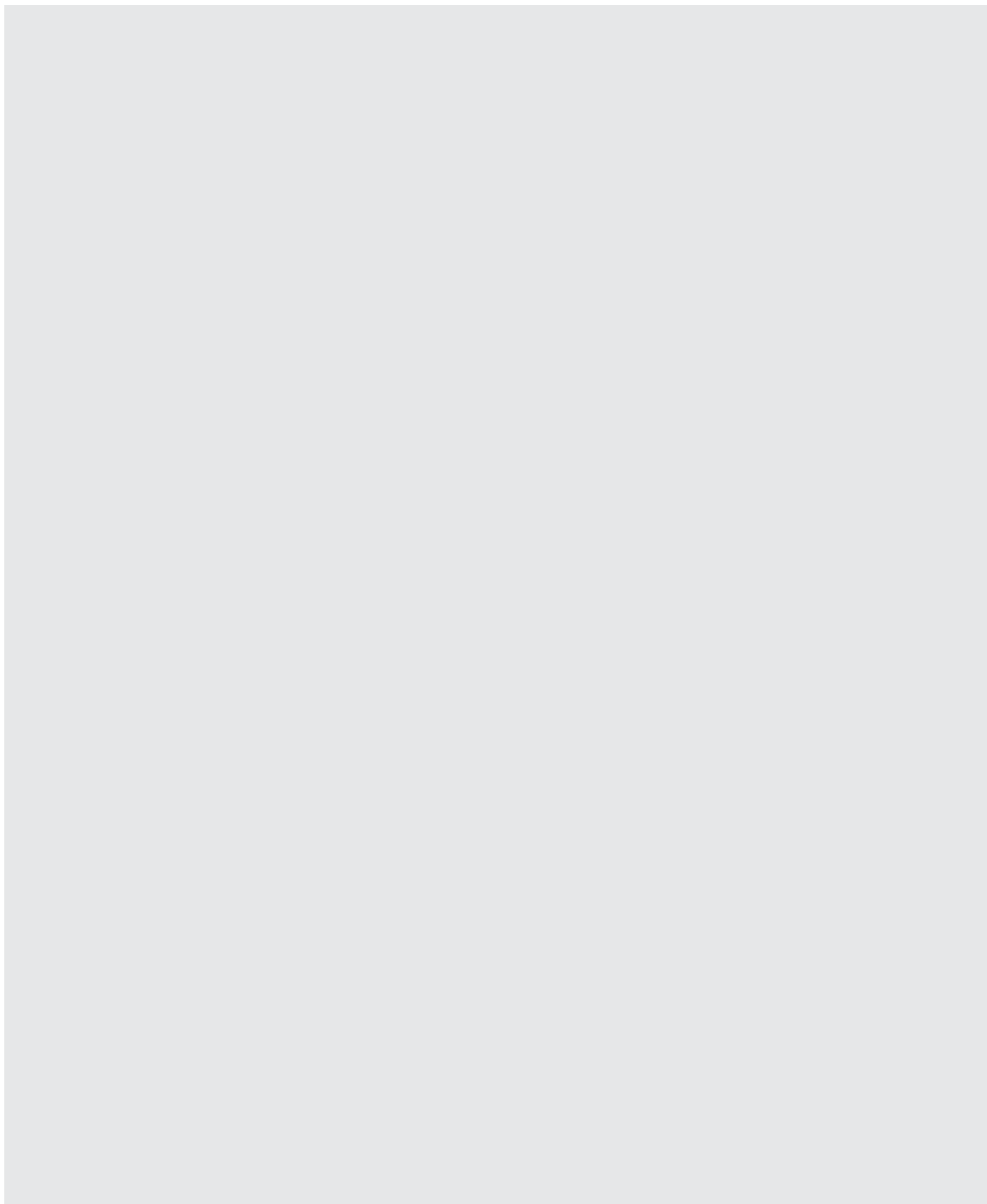
more than 65 sponsors on hand to answer any health or fitness questions. Non-Profit organizations, such as the American Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, American Lung Association, Donor Network of Arizona and Pima County Health Dept. of Family Planning will be in attendance with displays and informative material for all.

For more information, contact Clarissa Geborkoff at 228-6109 or Master Sgt. Ramey at 228-0022.

Summer special

The Dang Soo Do (Korean Karate) instructor is offering a summer special through May 22. For \$99, children and adults will receive eight weeks of classes, a free uniform and a free t-shirt. The DM-AFB Dang Soo Do Class will also be performing a demonstration May 7 at the Health and Fitness Expo.

For more information, please call 290-9200.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education

Diploma Mills

A diploma mill is a college or university that operates primarily to make money, offering credits for life experiences rather than formal education. They prey on those who are too busy to attend classes. The school isn't properly accredited and issues degrees without ensuring an education occurs. Diploma mills used to be the province of mail-order schools, but with the Internet, many more such schools are popping up. For schools to be recognized as accredited by the U.S. Department of Education they have to meet certain standards. If in doubt about a school, call the base training and education services office at 228-3812.

Community College of the Air Force

Graduates of the Spring 2004 CCAF Class are eligible to apply for the Pitsenbarger Award. This is a one time grant of \$400 provided by the Aerospace Education Foundation. Applications are available at, and should be returned to the base training and education services office by April 30. For more information, call Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Peirce College

Peirce College Online, a regionally accredited institution, offers a \$10,000 Protect and Serve Grant towards a Peirce College degree. Active Duty and dependents are eligible. The college offers degrees in business administration and information technology online. For more information, contact Dana Neely at DANeely@Peirce.edu

Family Support Center

Veteran's Affairs Claims Assistance

A Veteran's Affairs representative pro-

vides group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits Monday at 10 a.m. and noon in Building 3200, Room 266. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship training

To make a great first impression for new members assigned to the base, attend the Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Pre-separation counseling

This class will take place at the family support center May 4 and 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. Mandatory for military members, it will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 10 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating or retiring or, in special circumstances, as soon as possible. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

First sergeant cookout

The annual First Sergeants steak and chicken cookout is Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bama Park. Cost is \$7. For more information, or tickets, active duty members should see their first sergeant.

Mighty Marriages Workshop

This workshop for couples is May 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and May 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. For more information, or to sign up, contact Chaplain (Capt.) John VanderKaay at 228-5411 or john.vanderkaay@dm.af.mil.

Thrift shop

The Davis-Monthan Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments close at 1 p.m.

School and sports physicals

The 355th Medical Group is conducting school and sports physical examinations. To schedule an appointment, call the medical group's appointment line at 228-2778. In addition to Monday through Friday appointments, Saturday appointments for physicals will be offered June 5, 26 and July 31 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. When you come for a child's

appointment, remember to bring a military identification card, shot records, prescription glasses and/or contacts and all school and sports physical paperwork. Your child should wear loose clothing that is easily removed. Each child must be accompanied by a parent during their appointment.

National Alcohol Screening Day

There is a free alcohol screening today at the commissary, main base exchange and fitness and sports center providing free, anonymous screening for alcohol-use disorders. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalalcoholcreeningday.org/alcohol.asp>.

Movies

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens and is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday; 7 p.m.: 50 First Dates (PG-13)

Henry Roth, played by Adam Sandler, is a veterinarian in Hawaii. He falls in love with Lucy, played by Drew Barrymore, a girl with short-term memory loss. He has to keep



getting her to fall in love with him every day since she never remembers the last time she met him.
1 hour, 46 minutes

Saturday; 2 p.m.: Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG)

Frankie Muniz returns as Agent Cody Banks. When a rogue agent steals a top secret mind-control device, Cody must use all new gadgets, and a hip British Secret Service counterpart to fight the man who taught him everything he knows. 2 hours, 3 minutes



Saturday; 7 p.m.: Hidalgo (PG-13)

This action-adventure is based on the true story of the greatest long-distance horse race ever run. When Frank Hopkins decides to join the race, it becomes a matter of pride and honor as he and his horse attempt the impossible. 2 hours, 15 minutes



Sunday; 7 p.m.: Starsky and Hutch (PG-13)

Set in the 1970s in a metropolis, two police detective partners, Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson and Dave Starsky, always seem to get the toughest cases from their boss. Now they get to tell the story of their first big case, which involved a former college campus drug dealer. 1 hour, 40 minutes





The Mirage in April

2004



Friendly Reminder...Members may only use ONE Service Buck per transaction.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Chamaine Sunday Brunch! \$16.95 (mbrs receive \$2 discount) 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees! Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, Mbrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)	Monday Lunch Chef's Choice! \$7.85	Tuesday Lunch Country Buffet \$7.85	Wednesday Lunch BBQ Buffet \$7.85	Thursday Lunch Carved Buffet & Pasta Station \$7.85	Friday Lunch Carfish Buffet & Meatloaf Served with all the fixings \$7.85	Saturday
Easter Brunch! 1st Sitting: 1000-1215 2nd Sitting: 1300-1500 Reservations requested & encouraged. Open to all ranks. \$19.95 (all mbrs receive \$3 discount) \$11.95 children 6-12, kids 5 & under eat free!	Members receive up to a \$2 discount per person for lunch or dinner. "It Pays to be a Member!"	ACC Dollar Days Mbrs Breakfast 0630-0830 \$1 (Sorry, no Services Bucks accepted today)	Soul Food Lunch 1100-1300 \$7.85 (mbrs receive \$2 discount) Enjoy BBQ Ribs, Southern Fried, Baked Chicken, Grilled Pork Chops, Mustard Greens and more!	★ FRIDAYS ★ Party in the Poly Bar! 1600-2400 Bar opens 1600 Food, fun & friends begins at 1700 Enjoy dominoes, cards, crud and more!	NAF Property Sale at Both Clubs! 0800 - Come early for best selection & buys!	Call Sherry at 228-3301 or 748-0660 to book your special functions! (Bookings by appt. only.)
HOURS OF OPERATION Lunch: M-F 1100-1300 Dinner: Th & Fri 1730-2000 Sunday Brunch: 1000-1330 Caterer: Tu-F 0800-1700 (for appointment only) Barber Shop: M-F 0800-1600 Bar: W-Th 1600-2100, Fri 1600-2400 Admin Offices: M-F 0800-1600 Cashiers' Case: M-Th 0900-1400, W-F: 0900-1600	PHONE #s Juan Conde 228-3301, x11 Sherri Jones 228-3301, x12 Robert Johnson 228-3301, x16 Club Manager 228-3301, x11 Caterer 228-3301, x16 Chef 228-3301, x16	MAIN OFFICE 748-0660 or 228-3301 BARBER SHOP 748-8968	Family Night Italian Style 1730-2000 Take a break from the kitchen. Let us do the cooking tonight! Italian Feast ala Mirasol \$13.95 (mbrs \$2 discount)	2-4-1 Steak/Chicken Fish (or combo) Free glass of wine w/dinner! \$17.95 (mbrs receive \$2 discount) 1730-2000	"The Drift" Classic Rock Band 1830-2230 in Catalina Ballroom	

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Services Activities

Day in the Park

Children of all ages have a chance to have fun and participate in a variety of activities Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Bama Park. This event is in honor of 'Month of the Military Child' and 'Give the World a Hand' day. Children have the opportunity to assist in beautifying Bama Park with plants and flowers as well as enjoy free hot dogs and soda. For more information, call 228-8484.

Community Center Bingo

The community center invites everyone to come out and enjoy Bingo games Tuesdays. Doors open at 5 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are lots of games, cash prizes and Jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. Stormy's Cafe will be open serving sandwiches, snacks, pizza and beverages. Must be 18 years to play and those 15 years and younger are not allowed without a guardian. For more information, call 228-3717.

Nogales Shopping Trip



Visit Nogales, Ariz., with Information, Tickets and Travel Saturday for a day of shopping fun. Nogales is a festive Mexican marketplace and a shopper's paradise. There are many shops and restaurants to choose from on either side of the border. Visitors must have ID showing proof of U.S. citizenship. The cost is \$15 and includes transportation. For more information, call 228-3700.


Gaslight Theater

Join us for one of the most popular and hard to get tickets in Tucson for a show at the Gaslight Theater May 12. The play is "Surely You Joust!" a medieval comedy. The cost is \$25 and includes the show and transportation. For more information, call 228-3700.

Wyatt Earp days

Come and see the sights in Tombstone, Ariz., and enjoy a taste of the old west May 31. Tombstone is known as "The town too tough to die." Enjoy gunfight re-enactments, a chili cook-off, historic costumes and street entertainment featuring some legendary western lawmen and outlaws. The cost is \$15 and includes transportation only. For more information, call 228-3700.

 <h1>DESERT OASIS IN APRIL 2004</h1> 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cashier Hours: T-F: 11am-5pm Office Hours: T-F: 9am-4:30pm	Shock Wave Lounge: Mon: Closed Tues & Thurs: 4-8pm Wed: 4-11pm Fri: 3-11pm Sat: Closed Sun: Closed	Cabanas 747-3234 Mon-Thurs: 10:30am-8pm Fri: 10:30am-10pm Sat & Sun: 3-8pm	Eat at The Mirage Lunch Served: Mon-Fri 11am-1pm Dinner Served: Wed & Thurs 5:30-8pm	FRIDAYS! Shock Wave Lounge Social Hour Food 4-6pm "Join us for dominoes & card games!"	Barber Shop: Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm Sat: 8am-1pm 748-8710	
Don't Forget "All Ranks Sunday Brunch" at The Mirage 10am-1:30pm Easter Brunch @ The Mirage Reservations requested & encouraged	CLUB CLOSED MONDAYS Sundays Enjoy "Family Night" at Cabanas! Buy a 12" one-item pizza whole at regular price of \$9.25, & get a second one whole-item for 1/2 price! CLUB CLOSED SUNDAYS Cabanas Open 3-8pm	Cabanas Lunch Special! 1030-1330 BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich w/fries or tossed salad & a soda Only \$5.95 ACC DOLLAR DAYS MEMBERS Breakfast! 0630-0830 Shock Wave Lounge 4-8pm	"IT PAYS TO BE A CLUB MEMBER!" Shock Wave Lounge Karaoke & M.U.G. Night! 8-11pm Bring your own mug for \$1.50 refills! Your choice of Domestic Draft, Soda or Juice (2oz limit)	Members 10st "Specials for our under 21 members!" DM Members under 21 get all non-alcoholic beverages 1/2 price! Maintain your DM "21" membership & get credit toward your 21st birthday party at the club! CLUB CREDIT AMOUNTS: 3 months = \$75 6 months = \$150 1 year or longer = \$300	2 "Hip-Hop, Jazz & Blues" w/DJ "Insane Payne" 6-11pm 9 "Variety Music" w/ "The Wrecking Crew" 6-11pm 16 NAF Property Sale on east patio at Both Clubs 0800-? "Hip-Hop, Jazz & Blues" w/DJ "Insane Payne" 6-11pm 23 "Variety Music" w/ "The Wrecking Crew" 6-11pm	CLUB CLOSED SATURDAYS Cabanas Open 3-8pm Friendly Reminder... Members may only use ONE Service Buck per transaction.



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Air Force Services Clubs Scholarship Program

The Air Force Clubs are giving away \$25,000 in scholarships for college. There will be six scholarships awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000 for higher education costs. Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay.

All entries must be submitted to the 355th Services Squadron Marketing Director, 5375 East Kachina Street, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., 85707-4922, by July 15. Current Air Force Club members and their family members who have been accepted by, or

are enrolled in, an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2004 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible. This is the eighth year that Air Force Clubs has offered this benefit to its members. Ask for rules and entry forms when visiting The Mirage Officers' Club or Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Information is available online at <http://www.p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm> or by calling Jeff Carney, 355th Services Squadron marketing director, at 228-5950 or The Mirage Officers' Club at 228-3301.

